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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

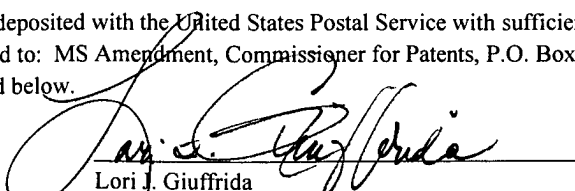
**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.

**A Replacement Sheet** for an amended drawing figure is on page 37 of this paper.

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